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PUC building bond bill dead

Capitol Watch
109th General Assembly

BY DARCIE MARSHALL
Staff Writer

Students hoping for a new classroom building here on campus will have to wait until July of 1999 unless plans can be arranged for a July of 1997 date.

There are four schools that are in need of new buildings, including Indiana University- Purdue University Indianapolis, University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana University East in Richmond and Purdue University Calumet. Although plans are not yet put to rest, debate is still going on. Lobbyists from Purdue University, along with Chancellor Yackel, were in attendance at the meeting last Thursday.

Plans for the 100,000 square foot campus have been delayed because of unavailable funds. Rep. Tim Fesko, R-Munster, authored the proposed bill.

In the 1995-1997 state budget, lawmakers agreed to stagger start-up dates for university capital building projects. Purdue Calumet was allowed to begin in July of 1999. Under House Bill 1297, Purdue Calumet would have been able to begin two years earlier.

Senator Lawrence Borst, R-Indianapolis, does not think the new education building is necessary.

"Universities have operated pretty good without them," Borst said. "Some people may argue they ought to spend more money on educating kids than on building buildings. I'm for nice pretty new buildings, but another 24 months isn't going to hurt anything.

"Borst sponsored the issue because "I'm the chairman of the Senate finance and they will not go anyplace unless I say okay."

Subcommittee budget chairman and Senate finance member Senator Morris Mills, R-Indianapolis, said he would oppose the bill. Senator Sue Landske, R-Cedar Lake, and Senator Bill Alexa, D-Valparaiso, both finance members, plan to support the measure.

Photo by Gregg Leonard

Six more weeks

If Punxsutawney Phil was correct last Friday, Feb. 2, groundhog's day, we may be seeing more scenes such as this one on the Purdue Calumet campus.

Ira Stein Jazz trio to perform February 18

PUC PRESS RELEASE

The chamber jazz trio Ira Stein Group will perform at 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18 at Purdue University Calumet.

The free concert will be held in Alumni Hall of the Student Faculty Library Center.

The critically acclaimed trio performs on piano, cello and saxophone. A mixture of jazz and classical, their music is an acoustic, melodic blend of form and improvisation.

They recorded "Carousel" in 1992, and in their most recent release, "Spur of the Moment," in 1994, the group captured the energy of a live performance by recording almost entirely live in studio. All three musicians offer extensive backgrounds in jazz and classical music.

Stein, a pianist and composer, signed his first recording contract and released his first album before he was 20.

Dann Zinn on saxophone is an award-winning performer. His professional credits include performances with Freddie Hubbard, Toshiko Akiyoshi and Joe Henderson.

The Ira Stein Group : Left to right, Jobert, Dann Zinn, and Ira Stein, center.

On cello is Jobert, who has played with such artists as Leontyne Price and Natalie Cole. Jobert has appeared with several major symphony orchestras.

The performance is part of Purdue Calumet's 1995-96 Artist-Lecture Series.

Enrollment for spring '96 is one for the record books

Second highest spring enrollment in PUC history has the University excited.

BY TAMMY RAWDON
News Writer

Purdue University Calumet has rebounded from a two-year decline to record the second highest spring semester enrollment in this university's history: 8,976. This increase is a 2.8 percent increase over the enrollment of 8,735 a year ago.

Typically, spring enrollment declines due to December graduations, but this spring is different. The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences is boasting a 14.8 percent increase along with the School of Professional Studies which rose by 0.5 percent. Graduate student enrollment is also up by 10.1 percent. Even among the undergraduate non-degree students (those who have not declared a major but are enrolled in undergraduate courses), there was posted an increase of 11.4 percent.

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Chancellor James Yackel

"We have worked hard to improve access to higher education and have committed to ambitious external and internal marketing efforts," Chancellor James Yackel said. This spring enrollment is clear evidence that the hard work has paid off.

Purdue Calumet has also expanded further into the local community with the opening of Merrillville and St. John sites this term. This spring there are some 476 students enrolled in 37 classes being held at Crown Point High School, Merrillville's Hellenic Cultural Center and Lake Central High School.

In addition to the new satellite classrooms, other factors have also promoted this rise in enrollment. Wes Lukoshus from PUC's University Relations states that Student Services has been doing more follow-up contact by both letter and phone. He also feels that Purdue Calumet's 50th Anniversary publicity has given the university additional exposure by providing a quality look and personalized ads. Also, a series of testimonials have been printed to reach out to the community with a warm, personal touch. Purdue Calumet has also been meeting with student and faculty groups, and distributing surveys to get feedback, ideas and suggestions.

At a glance

Spring '96 enrollment: 8,976

Increase from last year: 2.8 percent

School of Liberal Arts and Sciences increased 14.8 percent

News in Brief

Independent Insurance Agents donate to Chancellor's Scholars Fund

The Independent Insurance Agents have donated $500 to the Purdue University Calumet Chancellor's Scholarship Fund.

The fund will be used to recruit the top five students from each regional high school.

"The Independent Insurance Agents of the Calumet have made this donation to help keep the most talented your students in the Northwest Indiana," said Patrick Conley, president of the Independent Insurance Agents of the Calumet.

The Independent Insurance Agents of the Calumet is the local chapter of the National Independent Insurance Agents of America which consists of thousands of local agents, each of whom represents a number of insurance companies and assists with community projects.

Morris K. Udall Scholars to be named in April, application deadline March 8

Established by Congress in 1992 to honor Congressman Morris K. Udall and his legacy of public service, the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation operates an educational scholarship program designed to provide opportunities for outstanding U.S. students with excellent academic records and demonstrated interest in, and potential for, careers in the fields of environmental public policy, health care, and tribal public policy.

In May 1996, the Foundation will award scholarships to students who will be college juniors or seniors during the 1996-97 academic year. In order to be considered for an award, students must be nominated by their institutions.

The deadline for receipt of all 1996 nominations is March 8. The scholarship award covers eligible expenses up to a maximum of $5000 per year.

To be eligible, a student must be a current full-time sophomore or junior and must be pursuing a baccalaureate degree; be a U.S. citizen, resident alien, or U.S. national; and intend to pursue a career in environmental public policy or be a Native American or Alaska Native and intend to pursue a career in health care or tribal public policy.

Interested students should contact Prof. Edward Pierson, office M-208, or call 989-2467.

Counseling Center Groups

The Counseling Center is offering five groups this semester.

The groups will begin at the end of February and meet in the Counseling Center (Room G-5). They are free of charge and completely confidential. Please call the Counseling Center at ext. 2366 with any questions. See below for information about the group leaders.

- Interpersonal Issues Group - This group will focus on communication and conflict resolution in relationships.
  Group leaders: Kristie Lovell and Vince Biedron
  Meeting time: Monday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m.
- Self-Esteem Group - This group will focus on increasing self-confidence and self-awareness.
  Group leaders: Deann Asplund and Anissa Rivers
  Meeting time: Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m.
- Assertiveness Group - This group will focus on increasing your ability to express yourself without violating the rights of others.
  Group leader: Ellie Jackson
  Meeting time: Thursday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m.
- Sexual Trauma Survivors - This group will provide a safe and supportive environment for members to work on common issues.
  Group leader: Ellie Jackson and Kristie Lovell
  Meeting time: Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m.
- Men's Group - This group is forming to focus on relationships, school and other issues.
  Group leader: Vince Biedron
  Meeting time: Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m.

If you are interested in the group, but cannot make the appointed time, please call the counseling center. We will be happy to make other arrangements or attempt to match schedules.

Group leaders information:

Ellie Jackson is doing her therapy practicum in the Counseling Center and is working on her Psy.D (Clinical Psych. doctorate) from the Illinois School for Professional Psychology.

Kristie Lovell is a visiting intern working on her Master's in Counseling from Governor's State University.

Vince Biedron and Deann Asplund are graduate assistants at the Counseling Center working on their Master's degree in Counseling.

Anissa Rivers is a recent graduate of the PUC Master's program in Counseling.

NASA astronaut Janice Voss to speak on campus, Feb. 16-17

NASA astronaut and Purdue alumni Janice Voss discusses her experiences in space – most recently last year aboard STS-63 – at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 16 in Room 103 of Purdue University Calumet's Gyte Science Building.

Photo courtesy of NASA

Janet Voss, shuttle astronaut, Purdue alumni

She also will address an informal session for pre-college students at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 17 in Gyte 103.

Admission is free for both presentations.

Voss plans to focus on the nature of team work on NASA flights, plus show and explain video footage and pictures from her adventures.

Voss, a resident of Rockford, Ill. and native of South Bend, has been an astronaut since 1991. She holds a bachelor's degree in engineering science from Purdue, a master's in electrical engineering and a doctorate in aeronautics/astronautics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Her presentations are sponsored by Purdue Calumet's Department of Engineering in conjunction with the University's 50th anniversary year celebration.

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Quote of the week

'To fear love is to fear life, and those who fear life are already three parts dead.'

- Bertrand Russell
British Philosopher

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Briefs

Phi Kappa Theta holds dance

Phi Kappa Theta is having a Valentine's day dance, Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Rush is almost over - anyone interested in rushing Phi Kappa Theta call 844-9736 ask for Paul or Brian.

Gay/lesbian and gay friendly group to meet

All interested students and staff are invited to attend a meeting for those who are lesbian/bisexual/gay or gay friendly/affirmative.

We will plan future meetings and activities to promote a gay-affirmative atmosphere. We hope to rotate days and times of meetings to accommodate more schedules. Also, we are planning to have on-campus and off-campus activities.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact:
Deann Asplund Counseling Center, Gyte-5. Phone 989 - 2366 for more info.

Pi Sigma Alpha Valentine's Fund-raiser

Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, will have their Valentine's Day Fund-raiser on Feb. 13, and Feb. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year the organization offers students a chance to win a Valentine's Gift Basket valued at over $50. Ticket prices are $1.00 and can be purchased in the SFLC concourse. The drawing will be held at 4 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 14. The winner will be notified immediately.

Alpha Kappa Alpha holds rush

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority announces their spring rush for Sunday Feb. 18 at the IUN Moraine Center Banquet Room. The rush will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Candidates must have been a full-time student last semester and the currently be enrolled as a full-time student this semester. GPA requirements are 2.5 for PUC students. To rush the sorority the student submit an official transcript and a letter of interest in a sealed envelope addressed to Nu Lambda Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., PO Box 1116, Gary, IN 46407. You must attend the rush in order to be considered for membership. Any questions contact Sharon Lyles 985-8534, Joyce Washington (Graduate Advisor) 399-7657.

Seminar on selecting athletic shoes

"How to Select the Proper Running, Walking, and Cross-Training Shoes" is the topic of a Total Fitness Center seminar at 7 p.m., Wed. Feb. 7. The seminar will be in K-132 of the Physical Education Recreation building. Admission is free. Registration and other information can be obtained by phoning the Total Fitness Center at 989-2363.

Overeaters Anonymous meet

Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of people from all walks of life who meet in order to help solve a common problem-compulsive overeating. The group meets on campus every Thursday at 5 p.m. in room C-307. For more information call (800) 589-6262.

Women to Women thanks contributors

Vernita Brooks, President of Women to Women, wishes to thank those who made the Women to Women Christmas project for Haven House such a rousing success. The organization is looking forward to a repeat performance with their "From the Heart Basket Project." During February and March people are asked to bring donations to the Women to Women meetings. Contributions needed include personal hygiene items such as: toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, deodorant, etc. Or contact Ms. Brooks at 989-2455 for more information.

Financial aid office in cyberspace

The Office of Financial Aid World Wide Web Home Page is "LIVE"! It can be accessed from Purdue Calumet's Home Page

http://www.calumet.purdue.edu

then clicking once on the 'Enrollment Services' button, and then choosing 'Financial Aid Information'.

Feel free to leave any comments/suggestions as you 'surf' these WWW pages.

Lincoln scholar to speak

Phi Alpha Theta cordially invites all students of Purdue Cal to hear Dr. Cullom Davis, editor of *Abraham Lincoln legal papers*, prominent Lincoln scholar. This event is Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1996 at 5:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, third floor of the Student Faculty Library Center.

'Is Homosexuality Contagious?'

Reverend Curt Olson, pastor of St. Richard's Church and president of the Chicago chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), will present an educational session entitled "Is Homosexuality Contagious?" on Monday, Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. in C321. All students, faculty and staff are welcome.

A second, informal planning session of the LesBiGay Community and Friends at PUC will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. in X-140. All students, faculty and staff are welcome.

For more information, contact Deann Asplund in the Counseling Center at ext. 2366.

Outings Club climbing the walls

The PUC Outings club is sponsoring a trip Saturday, Feb. 10 at noon to the Gravity Gym in Chicago to go rock climbing. Gym climbing is a challenging, strenuous, exciting new sport. Check it out!

Cost is $20 with rental of equipment, you don't have to be a member of the Outings Club to go, but we will make you one anyway if you go. Call Gregg at 989-2548 for more info. Meet in the lounge at 11:00 to join the party.

An Ounce of Prevention

by Bob Hnida, RN

'So you're having chest pains'

Part One

At least a half dozen times each shift, when I am working triage, someone comes in and complains of experiencing chest pain. Although usually not serious, a number of questions must be asked of the patient to determine the nature of the pain. A complaint of chest pain always warrants further investigation.

However, if you are having chest pain, that does not mean the pain is cardiac-related and that you are having a heart attack. A pain in the chest area can be caused by more than two dozen factors. Over the next few weeks we will be talking about these causes, how they are diagnosed and how they are treated. Many symptoms you can experience mimic a heart attack (myocardial infarction) but, fortunately, have nothing to do with the heart.

Angina

Classified as stable, unstable, and prinzmetal, angina symptoms include tightness or heaviness in chest behind the breastbone which may radiate to the neck, jaw and arms. A classic sign may be pain along the inner aspect of the left arm. Usually the onset starts slowly, builds to a peak, and then subsides.

Angina can be caused by eating a heavy meal, physical or emotional stress, temperature extremes, and in the event of prinzmetal angina, it can occur when you are doing absolutely nothing. Prinzmetal angina is the kind that will wake you out of a sound sleep.

What is Angina?

Angina is usually a clear indicator of coronary artery disease. The pain indicates that there is a reduction of oxygenated blood to the heart itself.

I mentioned prinzmetal angina as the kind that will occur when you are at rest or will occur spontaneously. The difference between stable and unstable angina is that stable angina has a more predictable pattern and is relieved with rest and usually nitroglycerin tablets under the tongue (sublingual). Unstable angina is more difficult to predict and control.

Diagnosis

In order to properly diagnose angina, a compLete history must be taken which will include your lifestyle habits and family history. An EKG (electrocardiogram) may indicate ischemia (decreased blood supply) to the heart muscle and an irregular heart beat. It is also possible that if the patient is pain free during an EKG the results of the test may indicate a completely normal cardiac rhythm.

Along with the EKG, a treadmill stress test and echocardiogram (ultrasound pictures of the heart) will most likely be accomplished next. The echocardiogram will indicate abnormal heart structures while the stress test will result in an abnormal EKG reading and often chest pain. Instead of a normal stress test the cardiologist may decide to do a Thallium stress test in which a dye is infused intravenously. This type of stress test will show "cold spots" in the heart which indicate areas that are not getting enough oxygen.

Another test that may need to be performed is an angiogram. This test is never done unless the previous tests clearly show ischemia which indicate some type of obstruction of the coronary (heart) arteries. If you recall from your anatomy and physiology days, the arteries carry oxygenated blood and the veins carry waste products. An angiogram is invasive and does carry some risks as with any invasive procedure.

An angiogram allows the cardiologist to actually gain access by use of a tiny wire to the arteries of the heart. A dye is injected through this hollow wire which lets the doctor see any blockage and further yields opportunity to clear the blockage by use of cardiac angioplasty. Angioplasty is the use of that balloon you may have heard of that is inflated to open the arteries.

I'm sure you can see there is a logical order of testing before a diagnosis is made. It would be ridiculous to rush someone in for open heart surgery without completing diagnostic testing.

Prevention

Because Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) is so common in our American culture there has been an emphasis towards prevention. There are some risk factors towards heart disease you can control. You've heard them, I'm sure. They include a proper diet of low sodium, low fat, low cholesterol, and eating more fruits and vegetables, more fish and poultry and less red meat. Exercising is important along with maintaining proper body weight in proportion to your height, learning stress reduction techniques and, of course, stop smoking. You can't control your age, gender, and family history.

Next week we'll continue with our series on chest pain. In the meantime, eat well, get some rest, enjoy a cup of piping hot chocolate, and remember that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

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ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Enrollment picture bodes well for your future

While most colleges and universities around the state continue to experience enrollment declines, we're up 2.8 percent this semester from a year ago.

Our student total of 8,976 not only halts a two-year decline, but also represents the second highest spring term total in university history.

That disclosure likely will not affect the quality of education you are receiving this semester; nor, for that matter, the way your classes are being taught. Even state officials probably won't get too excited about that revelation, since it is fall enrollment figures that they scrutinize.

But administratively speaking, we are downright excited about our student totals.

Financial

One reason is financially-related. Our increased enrollment will enable us to surpass our projected budgetary needs for the semester. That means we'll have a few extra dollars to invest in making your overall educational experience at Purdue Calumet a better one. In fact, our plan is to apply most of those extra dollars to the purchase of new laboratory equipment.

Marketing

Another reason relates to our marketing efforts. We have come to realize that a high quality educational institution also must be a well-run, consumer-oriented business. Reaching out to new students, as well as serving those we have in a manner that enriches them and helps them succeed is our ultimate objective.

That objective has not changed. What has changed of late is the manner in which we approach that objective. No longer are we content merely to open our doors and see who comes. More and more we are striving to be more flexible, more understanding, more responsive to what our consumers need and want in higher education.

That means taking education to our publics—as we have in expanded fashion this semester in south Lake County and continue to do in other off-site locations, such as U.S. Steel Gary Works, where we are teaching a complete master's in management curriculum.

It means improving our communication flow with those current, former and prospective students, who, in various ways, have initiated a relationship with Purdue Calumet.

It means finding out what you, our valued students and consumers, like and don't like about Purdue Calumet, then striving to build on what is good, while improving, if possible, what is not.

Leverage

Finally, we are excited because increased enrollment provides leverage in our quest to further short- and long-term objectives, which, ultimately, will benefit you as students.

Purdue Calumet is on a success track—and our students are the beneficiaries.

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Where is our representation?

Juggling school, work and the other aspects of life can be a bitch. Add to this the other hobbies and extra-curricular activities that most people like to take part in, and it can be downright difficult to balance all the responsibilities and demands a person accumulates.

One person who may be having trouble in these respects is the student body President, Thom Moffit. One important part of his duties is his attendance at the Council of Faculty Delegates meetings that take place monthly. So far this year he has managed to attend only 1 of six meetings held.

The Council of Faculty Delegates exercises the legislative and policy-making powers assigned to the PUC faculty. According to the articles of organization, "it has the power and responsibility to propose or to adopt policies, regulations, and procedures intended to achieve the educational objectives of Purdue University Calumet and the general welfare of those involved in these educational processes."

In short, they run the place. PUC is autonomous in these respects and does not have to report to the Purdue Board of Trustees on these matters.

Recently the Council has debated and adopted new core requirements for new students of the University. (See the Administrative Update, page 2, Nov. 15th issue of the Chronicle) During most of these meetings, our student representative on the council was not present to voice student opinion on these matters.

Student Government sent a representative to the latest meeting at noon on Feb. 5, when Mr. Moffit could once again not make the meeting. but according to the articles of organization, a delegate must be present to vote. No substitutes.

Consequently, a petition raised to reject the new core requirements was rejected on a very close vote. Without a student vote for or against. Without student representation.

Some Student Government members were up in arms over this lack of student representation, but the rules are spelled out in black and white in the bylaws of the Council.

If the designated Student Delegate is too busy to attend the meetings he is appointed to attend, he should respectfully resign from those positions and should appoint a replacement, per the articles of the council.

If not, the Senate has the responsibility to exhibit some leadership of its own and take steps to ensure PUC students get the representation they deserve.

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Profiles

Circle K International

Circle K is a service organization through which college students can find a means of responsible student action in their communities and a more active involvement in the life of their campus. As our club learns about the needs of our campus and community, we develop hands-on activities to address these problems.

History
In 1936, Circle K was instituted as a fraternity at Washington State University by the Kiwanis Club of Pullman, Washington. Today there are over 500 clubs in seven countries. PUC's chapter of Circle K was formed in 1995.

Purpose
Circle K International's mission is to involve college and university students in community service while developing quality leaders and citizens. Circle K inspires people to better our world. Its motto, the same as Kiwanis International's, is "WE BUILD." Circle K provides constructive opportunities, for students to become involved on their campuses and communities through service work to others in need.

Membership
Anyone is welcome to join Circle K, they are always looking for new faces and new ideas. They currently have 12 members that are doing a wonderful job.

Events/Activities - past
March for Parks
Gavit High School cleanup
Carmalite Home for Girls Spring Fling
Easter Baskets for St. Joseph's soup kitchen

Events/Activities - planned
Sponsoring a Homecoming
King Candidate, Chris Stalion
Collection of school supplies to donate to local public libraries

Meetings are at least once a month and according to members schedules. Anyone interested in joining Circle K can leave a message in their mailbox, located in the C-344 hallway, 3rd floor of the Library building, or call the Office of Student Activities 989-2369

Q & A with Laura Berg, President

Q: How difficult has it been to get a new organization started here at PUC?
A: It has difficult due to a general lack of participation by the students. Most of the students here work while taking classes so they don't really have a lot of time to donate. Still our members find time to work in community service. We had a strong core from the beginning, so we were able to get some projects underway and completed.

Q: How is this organization structured?
A: Each year the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected by the members.

Q: What is a typical meeting like?
A: Meetings are very open and very productive. There is a free-flow of ideas and suggestions.

Q: On the FUN scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate this organization?
A: It's a sliding scale, it is as fun as you make it. If you want to be a 5 go for it. On the other hand, it can be a 10.

PROFILES is a weekly article highlighting the different groups and organizations here on campus. If you would like to see your group profiled, please contact Regina Hurst care of the Chronicle.

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Early wins Lake County Straw Poll

MERRILLVILLE - Rex Early, former GOP State Chairman, won the straw poll election that was held at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville on Feb. 2. Early won by one single vote. Other candidates on the ballot included George Whitwer, co-owner of the Bluffton News-Banner and Steve Goldsmith, the mayor from Indianapolis, who failed to attend.

The evening started with the two candidates speaking for a period of ten minutes each. Steve Goldsmith did not show for the event, due to unknown reasons. Early and Whitwer had much support as could be heard filling the halls of The Radisson. Cheers filled the air, as did applause.

Whitwer's speech focused on values and his plans to restore them in Indiana.

"There is definitely something sweeping this country and this state but I prefer top call it a republican restoration. It's a restoration of our family. It's a restoration of our traditional values. It's a restoration of our lives. Why are we here tonight...Because we care so deeply about the future. The future that our children are going to inherit," Whitwer said.

"I'd like to think of Indiana as a collection of small towns because that is where the community is, but that is really what we have to strengthen. The concerns of the people of NWI can not be ignored any longer," said Whitwer as he closed his speech.

Whitwer's opposition, Rex Early, gave an equally moving speech focusing on what he was going to do for the communities in NWI. Early proposed a $25.00 license plate program. He spoke of restoring discipline in the classrooms, and ending the release of violent criminals. Early also spoke of cutting the inventory tax.

Photo by Sean Kingston

GOP Governor Candidate George Whitwer speaks during the Straw Poll on Thursday.

Many students from Purdue Calumet were at the Republican event. Senior Steve Pynakker was full of hopes for Whitwer's triumph.

"George Whitwer is the only candidate outside of Indianapolis which means he is going to look out for the interest of NWI. Whereas, the other candidates just care about their little world called Indianapolis in which everybody has blinders on and can not see outside of Indy. Rex and Goldsmith both live in Indy. Early tires to pretend he is not from Indianapolis although he has lived there the last twenty years or so. Whitwer is the only candidate running that can offer NWI what it needs," Pynakker said.

Purdue Calumet Student Government President Thom Moffitt felt similarly about Whitwer.

"I truly think Whitwer will come out on top as far as the Governors race is concerned. His showing today was incredible, even more so incredible when Rex Early felt it was necessary to bus in Early supporters to get his votes," Moffitt said.

There were many different kinds of people in attendance at the straw poll. Several, of course, were Republicans from around the state. Others included interested citizens from the area. The most interesting group that attended were members of labor union Local 81 out of Valparaiso. Rumors have it that both candidates bussed in voters from around the state in order to with the mock election.

Moffitt was asked about his opinion about Early and Whitwer bussing in people to vote.

"Those who came up to support Whitwer came up from all over the state because they believed in what Whitwer had to say, and they believed in the issues that Whitwer stands for. Whereas Early is not known as union supporter, so why on earth would union supporters come out and see him now? The reason why is because he bought their vote."

Union laborers Brian Bartson and Richard Hydeman disagreed.

"I'm a union laborer. We're backing Rex Early. He's for prevailing wages and that is why we are here," Bartson stated. Hydeman felt Early stood for the working man.

Others in attendance included Larry Blanchard (Lake County Councilman from the Seventh District), Eric Koch, Republican Candidate for Attorney General, and Mike McDaniel, Republican Party State Chairman.

"We're excited about tonight's event because it is the first straw poll that I know of that any county organization in Indiana has put on before.It is an opportunity for people in this area to come out and hear the candidates for governor and decide who it is that they want to support and show that in this straw poll. It is the first time it has ever been done and it will raise some money for the Lake County Republican Committee, generate interest for the party and it will be good for the party in the long run.", said McDaniel.

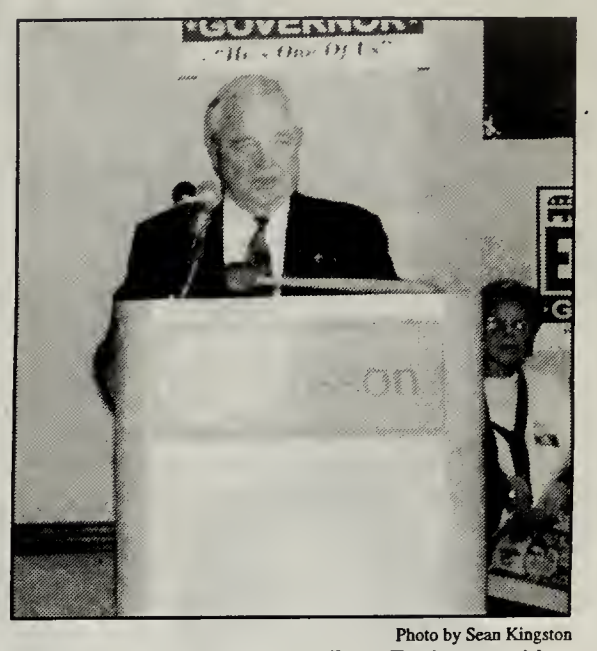

Photo by Sean Kingston

GOP Governor Candiate Rex Early speaking during the Straw Poll on Thursday.

When the poll concluded, Early had won with 220 votes, while Whitwer had 219 and Goldsmith had a weak 36 votes.

Early was obviously pleased with the outcome of the event.

"My goal is to govern Indiana in a equitable way, use good, common Hoosier judgment," Early stated.

Early spoke about being in the private sector for years and feels he has the knowledge of what it is like to be in the working world. He wants to run a campaign for working people.

"I love my country. I love my state. I love my community, but I also believe in the two party system.", said Early while giving his speech.

"I've spent a lot of time in NWI and there are good people up here. You are treated like a step-child of Indianapolis and I think this last democratic administration treated you that way. I will be an easily accessible governor." Early went on to say.

"I'm pleased with my numbers. I think the real story is Mayor Goldsmith, who is reportedly leading in the polls has a lack of support in Lake County, but of course he wasn't here to make his speech.".

Early also told the Chronicle he would love to opportunity to visit Purdue Calumet very soon.

As people dispersed through the convention room, Early's supporter were in good spirits, while Whitwer and his supporters promised that they would be back.

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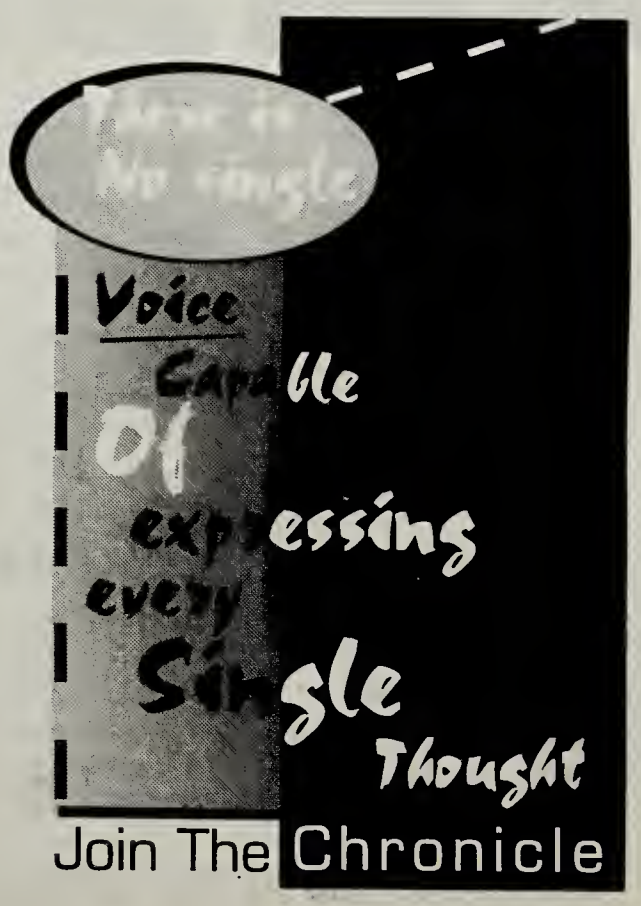

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"Wild Thing"

Homecoming '96

King and Queen candidates

Vote Feb 13 &14
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Rachel Aguiano*

Zeta Sigma Chi Sorority

Sophomore from East Chicago

Major: Early Childhood Development

Activities: VP of Greek Council,member of Los Latinos, enjoys reading, being with family and friends, traveling

Marisela Hernandez

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

Sophomore from East Chicago

Major: RHI

Activities: Secretary of MEPC, Banquet Chair for SHPE, Secretary of *Eclectic*

Dawn Stratner

Theta Phi Alpha Sorority

Junior from Hobart

Major: Elementary Ed. and Psych

Activities: Treasurer for Theta Phi Alpha and Circle K, participates in philanthropic and fundraising events, enjoys dancing, drawing, bowling. Clerk at Indiana Carpenters Federal Credit Union

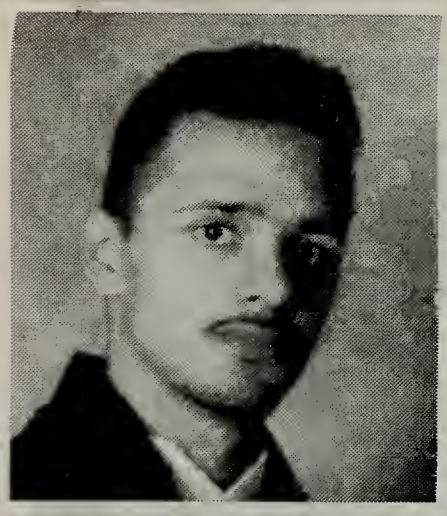
Mellisa Yovich

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society

Grad. student, South Holland

Major: Communication

Activities: Vice-Pres.& event coordinator of Pi Sigma Alpha, mentor in 21st Century Scholar Program, choreographer for dance/pom squad, enjoys all forms of dancing and shopping



Roberto Ceballos*

Sigma Lambda Beta

Sophomore from Gary

Major: Engineering

Activities: Member of Sigma Lambda Beta, Los Latino, SHPE, and Student Government

Ahui Herrera

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

Sophomore from Highland

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Activities: President of MEPC, Co-Ast. Director of MEP, Treasurer of the *Eclectic,* likes to read action-fiction books and organize educational events for High School and Elementary level students

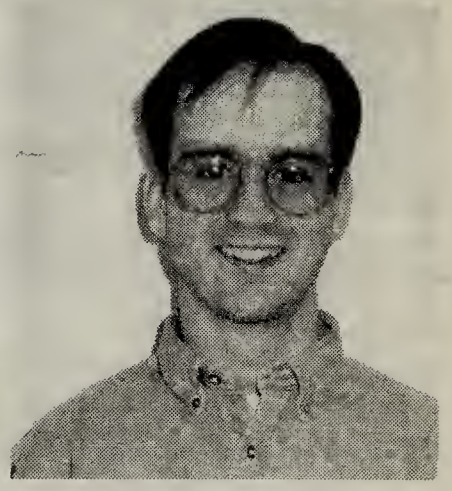
Joe Rokita

Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity

Sophmore from St. John

Major: Finance

Activities: Member Phi Kappa Theta, enjoys swimming, rollerblading, and dancing



Chris Stalion

Circle K service organization

Freshman, Hobart

Major: Electrical Engineering

Activities: Bowls in two leagues, trying to start a new fraternity on campus, works at Menards Hardware

* Photo provided by candidates

1996 Homecoming activities

Monday - Feb. 12 - noon
* Intro of Candidates
* Dance Team Performance
* Cheerleader - Pep Rally

Tues. & Wed.- 13 & 14
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
& 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Voting for Homecoming King and Queen

Saturday - February 17 -
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7 p.m. - Homecoming Game PUC vs. IIT
Halftime - Intro of Candidates
Homecoming Dance following the Game
Coronation Ceremony at the Dance.

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They're not really criminals - but they're trying

When I saw the title of this film I expected the usual sophomoric comedy along the lines of current Pauly Shore films. I waited for the pie in your face, falling down the stairs prat falls which many movies these days fall back on to entertain, but didn't get any. What I saw instead was a funny comedy from some newcomers to film who chose to write bright comedy with genuinely funny dialogue. "Bottle Rocket" is a fine first effort.

"Bottle Rocket" starts off with Anthony Adams (Luke Wilson) leaving his voluntary stay at a mental institution. His friend, Didgnan (Owen Wilson), is there to help with his militaristic, gung-ho attitude and try to break Anthony out. To appease Didgnan's fantasy of escape, Anthony leaves the hospital by way of bed sheets thrown out the window of his room. This the beginning of a film which tells the story of three misguided, loyal friends who try to achieve the ultimate crime to make them famous forever.

The other friend is Bob Maplethorpe (Bob Musgrave), a rich follower of sorts, who just hangs out with Anthony and Didgnan because he really has nothing better to do. The two accept Bob for two reasons: one, he has a great house to hang out at and, two, he is the only one with a car. For this reason Bob becomes their getaway driver.

Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Three friends and would be thieves, Bob (Robert Musgrave), Anthony (Luke Wilson) and Dignan (Owen C. Wilson) are on a surveilance mission in the comedy 'Bottle Rocket.'

The three friends start off on their quest for the ultimate score by ineptly robbing a bookstore. Getting a couple hundred from the bookstore, they hide out in a rural hotel where Anthony falls in love with one of the housekeepers, Inez (Lumi Cavazos). We soon find out no one is looking for them. No one is interested. So Didgnan seeks the tutelage of known criminal and boss, Mr. Henry, played with perfection by James Caan. He gives the boys some confidence and they're on their way to their big score.

"Bottle Rocket" tells the story of these three awkward, would-be thieves while yet showing the importance of duty, loyalty and honor between friends. This gentle comedy was written by Wes Anderson, the director, and Owen Wilson who also plays Didgnan in the film. Anderson has a soft and easy style to his direction letting the actors and the story win the audience with their gentle portrayals and quirkiness.

Anderson started this film some three years ago on a $5 million budget, which is astounding in the day of $60 and $70 million movies being made everyday. I asked Anderson how he came about making this film and he said, "I borrowed money from everyone I knew at the time. We shot the film whenever we all could get together, which was usually after work, very early in the morning or very late at night. We weren't even sure a company would distribute the film during the filming."

James Caan gives a solid performance in the film as Mr. Henry, crime boss and Didgnan's mentor. Mr. Henry is everything Didgnan wants to be and more. Didgnan craves to live in a fancy home, with women and fine belongings at his fingertips, but it's Mr. Henry's confidence and sophistication which Didgnan wants most of all.

I also asked about the title while I was with them—why "Bottle Rocket"? "James Caan gave us the idea actually. Think about it...what is a "Bottle Rocket"? It's a firecracker that's only going to go so far. It isn't a stick of dynamite that's going to blow everything to bits and attract a lot of attention. You light it, and whoosh, it makes it to the second or third floor, tops. Then burns and falls. That's what these guys are, "Bottle Rocket"s. They go only a certain distance and then they stop. That's OK though, because they're happy," said Owen. And if you see this film, you will be too.

"Bottle Rocket" opens Feb. 9 at local theaters.

Bottle Rocket
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Released by:
Columbia Pictures

Starring:
Luke Wilson
Owen Wilson
Robert Musgrave
James Caan

Directed and written by:
Mike Figgis

Reviewed by:
Scott Gonzales

Illustration by Rhede Rhodes

The *Search* has begun

Looking for the perfect cup of joe

BY LAINIE
Staff Writer

I've been sent on a mission. What is it, you ask? My mission is to the find the best cup of coffee in Northwest Indiana. On my journey I will take with me three things and three things only: a companion, a pack of cigarettes, and five dollars. In my search, I will venture to coffee shops and houses in Valparaiso, Merrillville, Chicago, and anywhere I can get a free cup o'joe. Each place I visit will be rated by the mug-scale. For those of you unfamiliar with this very rare and unusual scale, these are the rules: The highest rating possible is five mugs. In order to receive this high rating, the house coffee must be excellent and unique. This means that it shouldn't taste like Folger's or any other shelved coffee. I like my coffee plain, so it should be strong, but not like espresso. Also, if it's served too-hot-to-drink, I'm complaining. Another thing I will look for is a fairly descent cappuccino. I feel that anyone can make a good mocha or latté; these drinks all but come with a recipe book. But cappuccino is like a fuzzy navel – if you don't have the right mixture of peach schapps and orange juice, it's no good. Likewise, if there isn't the right blend of espresso and steamed cream, it just isn't a cappuccino. The atmosphere is another major thing – there has to be one. And not only should there be one, but it better be pretty damn cool. I'm not just looking for the next new place for all the "alternative" kids to hang out, I'm looking for somewhere that's for everyone; a place to go to study, to meet your friends after work, to hang out with old people, or to just sit back, be comfortable, drink your endless cup o'jo with no one to distract you except for maybe a waitress who will keep your mug full and the ashtrays clean. Yes, yes this sounds like a long, tedious, eleven week task, but I am pretty excited and I hope you all follow me along the way.

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